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HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 24TH, 1905.

THE announcement that the Chinese Government intended to send a commission to study "Western methods" seemed at first blithely very encouraging; and the subsequent notification that its despatch had been "postponed" was proportionately disappointing. At last, it had seemed, China had awakened to the fact that she must fall in with modern ideas, if she was to maintain her position in the world. This sanguine view of the subject, however, is but that which has been entertained on many other occasions, only to be followed by disappointment in the end. So far back as the sixties, it was confidently predicted China would entirely reform her navy, and place it under the direction of British officers. But the well-known SHERMAN OSMOND scheme fell to the ground and was rendered futile by the obstinate action of the Peking authorities, who flatly refused to have anything to do with it and insisted that the provision of naval defence was an entirely Provincial matter. In the same way great results were predicted from the arsenals and other naval establishments which China set up in various places; but the effective results have fallen far short of what was anticipated. A certain amount of "foreign method" has no doubt been adopted but the adoptions have all been of a local and isolated nature, and the Central Government has gone on in its old course much as if no change whatever had taken place. Then again great things were predicted from the BURLINGAME Mission to Europe. It was confidently declared that

the establishment of Embassies in Western Centres would bring China into such intimate relations with foreign countries, and so improve her knowledge of foreign affairs, that she must perform be compelled to adopt a more enlightened system within her own borders. To some extent, it must be admitted, the BURLINGAME Mission produced good results. It has ended in ministers or ambassadors being sent to all the most important European Capitals and to the United States. There is no doubt that up to a certain point diplomatic intercourse has been facilitated and a better state of international relations brought about; but the great results which were fondly anticipated have not followed; and though something has been done, the long looked for change in her administration, which would bring China more upon a level with other nations, is still but a hope. In most essentials, she remains hopelessly behindhand; and this fact has of late been much emphasised by the marked progress which has been made by her neighbour, Japan.

There can be no question that the object lesson which has been before China for the last two years has had some effect upon her; but it would be contrary to all the lessons of experience to conclude too readily that this will rouse her earnestly in the direction of progress. The suggested sending off of the commission, was, it may be assumed, brought about chiefly by Japanese influence. Although the Chinese are not slow enough to recognise plain facts, and cannot fail to have appreciated the enormous advantage which Japan has gained by the judicious way in which she has made use of modern appliances and adopted modern improvements, not only physical but also administrative, to the wants of her country. The question is whether this undoubted fact will be sufficient to convince the Chinese that in order to improve their country they must go to the root of matters, and in many respects depart from time honoured principles.

In order to improve the internal state of China, there can be no doubt that the government of the country must be made at once more popular and more centralised. The want of centralisation has been at the bottom of most of the troubles with which China has had to deal. In theory an autocracy, China is in many respects democratic in reality, and the force of local power both official and general is much greater than is generally believed. A true estimate of what the country is may be obtained from Dr. TOUGHEVILLE'S "Democracy in America," where the author shows that there is a natural limit to absolute power, and that autocratic action is always subjected to limitations and restraint, either by the action of an official entourage or by the working of local influence which cannot be overcome. The latter force has acquired a proportion in China which few people are disposed to recognise, but of which definite evidence has arisen under special circumstances. The appearance of unbounded submission to the central authorities is maintained by the Provincial mandarins, while they are all the time making use of the local forces around them to carry things in their own way. The Central Government at Peking has long felt the inconvenience of this, and has endeavoured to obviate it in the ways that seem natural to it according to its lights, the most obvious being that of pressing its arbitrary authority with more and more severity from time to time, and not allowing any local official to remain too long in any given place. But they have never succeeded in getting the country "well in hand," and their constant desire has been to find some means of strengthening their own authority. The last thing which would occur to them if left to themselves would be to endeavour to bring the masses throughout the empire to their side by granting them something in the form of representative institutions. Such an idea would be too wide a flight for any ordinary Chinese statesman unless he were strongly moved towards it by some outside influence. What seems now to have occurred is that the Japanese have been able to put this view, or a view somewhat like it, before the Chinese high officials at Peking; and that the latter have felt the suggestion to be one which it might be well for them to consider to some extent. This, at all events, is what may be hoped, and what on the surface appears to have been the case, though, of course, we are only too well aware that in China "things are not what they seem," and the present action on the part of the Peking authorities may be only the familiar plan of putting off a troublesome question to a later

day. Twelve years for the introduction of some form of representative government is a long time even for Cathay; and we must confess that if we had to conclude that China was acting entirely on her own initiative, we should have grave doubt as to her sincerity and should be inclined to conclude that the proposed Mission to Europe would probably end in disappointment, as so many similar movements on the part of China have ended. But the case stands differently if, as there is good reason to believe, Japan is at the back of it, and will use her influence and give her assistance to the Chinese in carrying out the necessary reforms in the direction of more liberal government. It is at least possible that Japan may be honestly listened to in this matter. The Chinese will more readily understand her than other nations; and she can certainly point to practical experience as proof of the success likely to attend the adoption of the views which she advocates. There may thus still be more room for hope of beneficial results from the contemplated movement than, in view of past experience, those acquainted with China would be inclined to look for. Much, of course, must depend upon the course of political events in respect to a reform which is to take twelve years for its accomplishment; but, circumstances being propitious, it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that some steps will be taken to produce beneficial changes in the internal administration of China, which is certainly what is most needed in order to preserve her integrity. Probably the Chinese officials themselves do not see exactly how this can be brought about, and are really only resorting to their old policy of putting off the evil day, while making a show of advancing. But the Japanese may see further, and may be able, with tact and management, to at last lead the untidy team of Chinese officialdom in the right direction.

The German mail of the 25th October, was delivered in London on the 22nd instant.

The total trade between India and Western Tibet during the past summer amounted to twelve lakhs of rupees.

It has been decided that the 1-pounder Q.F. gun (Pom-Pom) should not be adopted in India. The Pom-Pom, possessing great moral effect, is not considered a sufficiently destructive weapon to warrant its introduction.

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The Chamber at Brussels on Oct. 20 decided to refer for examination in committee the Government Bill for the extension and defence of the port and city of Antwerp, as an alternative scheme, proposed by M. Hallegatte, for the construction of a series of docks north of the city instead of rectifying the course of the river.

The Times of India remarks:—Thirty-five years of board schools have left England more thickly over-run than ever with the person whom Matthew Arnold described as "The Rowdy Philistine." The widespread failure to arouse a serious instinct for culture and the power to gratify it by application is the gravest indictment against the educational systems in which the British people have placed their trust.

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Waltz—"La Gitana"..... Bualossi  
Two Steps—"Dreamy Eyes"..... Lampe

In reproducing a summary of the annual report of the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League, the Japan Herald observes that "the Hongkong branch of the British Navy League seems to be justifying its existence, whatever other branches in the Far East may be doing." By attending to the welfare of the Naval men employed on Stations away from home, branches of the Navy League in this part of the world can do far more effective service than in passing resolutions for the increase of Fleets to which they directly contribute nothing, and it seems to us that only in this way can such branches justify their existence. The action of the Hongkong branch is to be commended by everyone who wishes to see the life of "the man behind the gun" made as happy as possible during his period of service away from home.

A Club, called the Chinese Association, has been opened at 79, Hallam Street, Portland Place, London, near the Legation. It has been formed for Chinese students, officials, and merchants, of whom the number has largely increased lately, and is sure to still further increase. H.E. the Chinese Minister is the president, and he has endowed it with monthly funds.

A recent visitor to Nowohwang says the port presents a general air of cleanliness with its large new buildings springing up on all sides and fine macadamized roads, constructed out of a surplus revenue derived from the just and economical administration of its affairs. All property is rising in value and the brightest hopes are entertained of the future, if only no vexatious *likin* and other suicidal hindrances are allowed to be imposed by the native authorities. Daluy and Port Arthur may have special advantages, but they cannot deflect the trade from this port, which will soon rival Tientsin.

The Mexican Government is reported to have invoked the assistance of Japanese settlers to deal with the refractory Yaqui Indians in the State of Sonora. According to the Toronto *Globe*, a contract has been made with the Imperial Japanese Colonization Company, in pursuance of which about 700 discharged Japanese soldiers with their families will be settled on the confiscated Yaqui lands and will be expected to prevent the Yaquis from raiding the valleys and carrying off cattle and produce to the mountains. The Yaquis, who are to be settled in groups, will be supplied with arms and ammunition, and through their activity it is hoped that the Yaquis will eventually be starved into submission.

Mr. Litton, His Britannic Majesty's acting Consul at Tientsin, writing on 6th October reports that during the quarter ended 30th September, 1905, the mule toll collected by the Imperial Customs authorities amounted to Rs. 1,688 (at the present exchange about Rs. 4,647) as compared with Rs. 2,202 during the same quarter last year. The general duties on goods during the quarter amounted only to Rs. 4,940 (Rs. 11,500 at present exchange), as against Rs. 7,313 in the corresponding quarter of 1904. From July to September, the trade is always slack on account of the rains, heat and malaria. The unusually great stagnation of the present season is due, among other causes, to the excessively heavy rains, resulting in floods, and consequent breakdown of the roads and bridges, and to a block in the opium trade.

A Singapore Chinaman having photographed a house on the edge of the fortifications was fined and his camera forfeited. The harshness of this red-tape prosecution is being commented on. One correspondent says:—They manage these things better in Hongkong. Some nine years ago three Americans were arrested there on a similar charge. Their camera was taken by the Police and the films developed, the case standing over till the work of development was finished. When it was found that none of the pictures included views of any fortification, they were released, and the camera and views returned though there were two or three views taken from the roadside immediately adjacent to one of the fortifications which commanded a magnificent view of the harbour. It was evidently considered by the Magistrate that such an ordinance was not intended to be blindly enforced, but was to be used with discretion.

Under the heading "Public Interest," the Straits Times publishes the following lines by a Penang poet. The double-entendre hits the popular idea of the Crown Agents.

Our Government, most excellent,  
On public interest only bent,  
To pay for harbour and for dock  
Will raise a loan and issue stock,  
The costlier 't' expropriation,  
The more for interest pays the nation,  
(And in that interest by-the-by  
They're taking our small dock at Fry's)  
So let not Straits contractors grumble  
But, like Uriah Heep, be 'noble,  
True, if our local firms competed  
The work might sooner be completed.  
True, that if local firms were heeded  
Less public money would be needed.  
But the Crown Agents wisely know  
The more the public's pocket grows,  
The more the public money flows  
The more the public interest grows,  
And so, they one and all are bent  
On public interest.—Excellent!

The *Englishman* (Calcutta) says:—The London papers have from the first failed to grasp the true inwardness of the struggle between Lord Curzon and Lord Kitchener, believing that conflict was due to personal ambitions rather than to divergent views on constitutional principles. It was, therefore, no mere incumbent on those who reflected Indian opinion to set people at home at right on the matter. But the *Sinhs* correspondent of the *Dail Mail* has himself misapprehended the purport of the published despatches, and hence we find him gravely advising Lord Minto to take such steps as will result in the total abolition of any authority which can check the Commander-in-Chief. He suggests that Lord Kitchener should be his own Military member. This is even going further than Lord Kitchener himself dared to go. Lord Curzon's whole point was that the Commander-in-Chief was attempting to establish a military despotism by limiting the powers of the Military Member. The Viceroy accepted the appointment of a Military Supply Member with a very ill grace, and as we have seen, he resigned rather than have a weak man. But to have no Supply Member at all and to have Lord Kitchener acting in all the capacities of Commander-in-Chief, War Minister, and Military Member, would be to add insult to injury.

Indian Railway earnings continue to fall behind, owing to the cessation of the usual grain exports from the Punjab in consequence of the scarcity. The receipts of the North-Western railway during the past six months are thirty-five lakhs of rupees behind those in the corresponding period last year, and the receipts of the Indian Midland railway is also behind by seventeen lakhs; but the Bengal-Nagpur being ahead by thirty lakhs, and the Rajputana Malabar by nineteen lakhs makes up much of the difference. The total excess of earnings during the first six months of the current official year over those of the corresponding period in 1904 is thus reduced to sixteen lakhs.

The Melbourne *Argus* states that negotiations are proceeding between the Australian Government and the Japanese Consul-General in connection with the restriction of immigration, and that it is understood that Japan has requested that the educational test should not apply in the cases of merchants, tourists, and scholars accredited by the Japanese Government, it being pointed out that the arrangements between Australia and India allow Indians of all classes mentioned to enter the country without going through the test. The journal adds that the negotiations give proof of a disposition on the part of Japan to limit the number of immigrants, and that the latter insists on restricting the immigration of Japanese. The various proposals have been forwarded to Japan for submission to the Emperor.

An American report says:—Maud Kessouf, the belle of the Syrian colonies in Western Pennsylvania, had so many suitors that she conceived the idea of putting herself up for auction to the highest bidder, the money to be paid to her mother. This novel method of selecting a husband, and at the same time making provision for her mother's declining years, was carried out recently at the town of Dubois. Charles Hazey, also a Syrian, senior partner in a large confectionery business at Altoona, found himself towards the close of the competition opposed by a wealthy young Syrian of the bride's own town. Their bidding was spirited, and finally the local Syrian bid £1,000. Hazey at once raised the bidding by £200, and the girl was knocked down to him at £1,200. The cash was paid to the mother, and a clergyman performed the marriage ceremony.

## FIRE IN DES VUEUX ROAD.

Another fire, the origin of which is unknown, occurred on Wednesday night at the premises of the Wing Fok Tai firm, peanut and confectioners, of No. 462 Des Vaux Road West. The brigade, under Chief Inspector Baker, responded to the alarm of the fire bell, and after two and a half hours' hard fighting succeeded in controlling the fire, but not before the stock-in-trade and the building had been destroyed. The stock in the adjoining shops was also seriously damaged by water. The premises and goods of the Wing Fok Tai were insured for £15,000 in the Overseas National Insurance Company, and for £12,000 in the Meiji Insurance Company. The value of the stock on the premises, so far as can be ascertained at present, was from \$500 to \$1,000.

## QUARRY BAY BLASTING FATALITY.

An inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the deaths of the three coolies who were killed as the result of a blasting accident at Quarry Bay on the 9th instant was held before Mr. F. A. Hazeland and a jury at the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon. James Young, blasting superintendent at the Quarry Bay shipyard, deposed that on the afternoon of the 9th instant he had charged thirty-three small and ten large holes with dynamite. The coolies on the work lit the fuses, and then went about a hundred yards distant. With the exception of one, all the charges exploded. This was a large one, the hole being about eleven feet deep. Three coolies were going all the time, and before they stopped ten or twelve men rushed to the scene of the explosion. Witnesses called them to come back, but they did not hear, or heed. Just as the foremost of the men got near the charge it went off and three of the coolies were killed. One man was blown 50 feet, and the other two about 20 feet away. The practice is for the drill coolies to light their own fuses, and then get a safe distance off. The reason they rush back to the spot so quickly is to get a good place to hole a hole on the following day. The men had been constantly warned not to return to the scene of the explosion until the bang had ceased beating.

Dr. Hunter's evidence proved that death in each case was due to multiple injuries, which could have been caused by a dynamite explosion.

Other witnesses corroborated the testimony of Mr. Young, after which his Worship addressed the jury, who found that death in all three cases was due to a misadventure.

## THE CZAR'S MANIFESTO.

"A BRAVE AND MIGHTY ENEMY."

The Imperial manifesto published at St. Petersburg, proclaiming peace between Russia and Japan, said:—  
"God has caused our Fatherland to suffer sore trials and blows of fate in a sanguinary war, which has afforded manifold proofs of the bravery and courage of our glorious troops in the obstinate struggle against a brave and mighty enemy."  
"This war, so painful for us all, is over. The Eastern portion of our country will develop itself in peace and good neighbourliness with the Japanese Empire, now become our friend."  
"In communicating the restoration of peace to our subjects, we are sure that their prayers will be joined with ours that God may give His blessings to our great labours, in conjunction with men elected by the people, for the development of the prosperity of Russia.—(Signed) NICHOLAS."

## TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

## THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OF JAPAN.

LONDON, 21st November.

As a result of the liberality of Mr. Martin White, the London University has arranged with the Japanese Government that M. Sawanayagi, the Director of the General Education Bureau, will deliver two series of lectures on Japanese education in 1906.

## THE NEW DOCK WORKS AT SINGAPORE.

LONDON, 21st November.

Mr. Ingles, the manager of the Great Western Railway, denies that he has been appointed General Manager of the new dock and harbour works at Singapore.

## THE STATE OF RUSSIA.

LONDON, 21st November.

Russia appears to be getting more quiet generally, and St. Petersburg is resuming a normal life.

## TURKEY AND THE POWERS.

LONDON, 21st November.

The Sultan is disposed to yield on the Macedonian question after a fruitless appeal to the Kaiser.

## GERMAN FINANCES.

LONDON, 21st November.

The *Nord Deutsche Zeitung* points out that the debt of the German Empire has increased from three and a-half millions to one hundred and seventy millions sterling since 1877, and that the increasing military and naval demands, apart from other pressing financial necessities, involve a fresh taxation of £14,500,000 yearly.

## THE P. AND O.'S NEW LINER.

TRIAL TRIP OF THE S.S. "MOGITAN."

The latest addition to the P. and O. Company's splendid fleet belongs to a class known as the "M's," from the initial letter of their names, but she presents several novel features. Like her sister ships, the *Moldavia* and *Mongolia*, she was built by Messrs. Caird and Company, of Greenock. Her gross tonnage is 9,320, her dimensions 323 feet in length by 58 beam, and 34 ft. in depth. She is propelled by quadruple expansion engines, from the works of Messrs. Billis and Macdonald, giving an indicated h.p. of 12,000, and a tested speed of 18 knots. Steam is supplied from four single and two double Scotch boilers, fitted with Howland's forced draught, the fans being driven by electric motors. Electricity is employed for lighting the vessel, as well as for an array of ventilating fans, which will rob the Red Sea of its terrors. Nay, it is made to serve the humbler purposes of the galley, which contains a mechanical roaster, motor-driven. Accommodation is provided, in four decks, for 357 first and 162 second-class passengers, 250 of whom can dine at once in the First Saloon. This is a noble apartment, paneled in England and Hungarian oak, and decorated with frescoes from the brush of Professor Moira, of South Kensington. Still more ornate is the music saloon; while a spacious smoking room is equally adapted to the sterner tastes of male passengers. The second-class quarters are as replete with all the essentials of comfort and even luxury. This great company caters mainly for passenger traffic; but the needs of shippers have not been overlooked. The *Mogitan* has isolated compartments in her hold, forward, which are fitted with refrigerating plant, in view of the requirements of the frozen meat trade. Sir Thomas Sutherland, G.C.M.G., and his brother-theoctors received eighty guests on board the *Mogitan* at Southampton for the trial trip. Literature was represented among the party by Messrs. W. S. Gilbert, Mr. G. H. Jones, Sir Squire Bancroft, and Mr. G. H. Jones. Sir Squire Bancroft, Mr. G. H. Jones, the Service by Sir Redvers Buller, Sir Owen Burns, Lord Welby, and Sir Francis Mowatt; science by Sir William White, Sir James Wolfe-Barry, and Mr. Patrick Caird. Sea and weather were perfect, and the guests returned to town with a conviction that the P. and O. Company is even better fitted than of yore to serve as a link of Empire.

## FREIGHTS TO CHINA.

It is stated on good authority that representatives of the leading Suez steamship companies and Trans-continental lines have decided to raise the rates on cotton goods shipped to China. The new rates are expected to go into effect July 1st, 1906, and will be as follows from Southern ports:—Overland rates, \$12.25 per 100 lb., and via Suez Canal, 6 1/2 cts. The present Suez Canal rate is 22s. 6d., or about \$5.62 1/2. The measurement rate of cost will be abandoned entirely for the basis of weight, as the latter is considered more just. Owing to excessive competition, the rates on merchandise sent to China have been going steadily down for about three years, and at one time were as low as \$2.50 per ton. It is understood that the big trade with China machinery, tools, implements, and canned goods, but only cotton goods. The report is creating a good deal of interest, owing to the large purchases of cotton goods by Chinese buyers already made for shipment well into next year. In this connection it may be added that during the past few weeks there has been somewhat of a revival of activity among Chinese buyers after the period of inactivity. On the present movement some 25,000 to 30,000 bales of goods have been taken, principally three-yard sheetings, and deliveries extend as far ahead as October of next year. In all cases full prices have been paid. The most recent inquiries cover a broad range of goods, and in some cases call for very light weight sheetings. Knit goods have also been taken for export in increasing quantities.—Times.







## NOTICES.

Communications respecting Advertisements, Subscriptions, Printing, Binding, etc., should be addressed to the Editor, and must be accompanied by the cash or order for the same. Orders for extra copies of the Daily Press should be sent in before 11 A.M. on the day of publication. After that time the supply is limited. Only supplied for Cash.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE.

**M. R. W. F. CONKLIN** is no longer connected with THE MANUFACTURERS' LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA. **H. H. HOBBS**, General Manager for Eastern Asia and India. [2649]

## SITUATION WANTED.

**BOOKKEEPER, SKETCHING, WRITING AND TYPING** desires position at once. Apply—**H. I.** Care of "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 24th November, 1905. [2650]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**THE** undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction **TO-MORROW (SATURDAY)**, the 25th November, 1905, at 2 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road, A FINE ASSORTMENT OF **JAPANESE CURIOS**, comprising:

RARE SATSUMA, FINE CLOISONNE, BRONZES, SILVER, GILT, BRASS, & SILVER WARE, LACQUERED WARE, FANES, KAKEMONOS, EMBROIDERED SCREENS, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Custodian. V. I. LEMEDIOS, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 24th November, 1905. [2651]

## ALTERATION.

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

## FOR SWATOW.

**THE** Company's Steamship "HAIMUN," Captain A. J. Robson, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 24th inst., at 10 A.M. instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **DOUGLAS LAMPAK & CO.**, General Managers. Hongkong, 23rd November, 1905. [2648]

**NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.** IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

**THE** Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 A.M. TO-DAY.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 28th November will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Tuesday, the 28th November, at 9.30 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the 4th of December, or they will not be recognized.

No fire insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

**NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., Agents.** Hongkong, 23rd November, 1905. [5]

## HONGKONG KENHATTA.

TO BE HELD AT ABBEYDON ON 29th DECEMBER 1905.

\* 11.30 A.M. **TUR SCULLS**—Rowed in heavy clinker-built boats. Open to those not competing in the Stewards' Challenge Cup. 1 mile. Entrance Fee per Boat \$2.

12.40 P.M. **BROWN CHALLENGE CUP**.—Rowed in light six-oared gigs. Open to (a) Royal Garrison Artillery (b) Royal Engineers, (c) British Infantry Regiments, (d) Departments. Units may enter more than one crew if desired. 1 mile. Entrance Fee per Boat \$3.

\* 12.50 P.M. **JUNIOR FOURS**.—Rowed in heavy clinker-built boats. Open to those not competing for the Challenge Cup or Junior Fours A. Limited to Residents of Hongkong. 1 mile. Entrance Fee per Boat \$10.

1.00 P.M. **CHALLENGE CUP FOR FOUR OARS**.—Rowed in light clinker-built boats of 5 strokes, with coxswain. Open to crews representative of any Amateur Rowing Club. 1 mile. Entrance Fee per Boat \$10.

\* 2.00 P.M. **STEWARDS' CHALLENGE CUP FOR SCULLS**.—Rowed in best boats. 1 mile. \$3.

\* 2.30 P.M. **THE GOVERNMENT'S CHALLENGE CUP**.—For Four Oars. Limited to Residents of Hongkong. Each boat's crew to be drawn from a single unit which is defined as a Regiment, a Ship, a Corps, the Volunteers, a Firm or any other body of gentlemen working together at the same profession or calling. If any of the above units are not strong enough to provide a complete crew, an combination of two similar units may be made. A club is not included in the definition of unit. 1 mile. \$10.

3.00 P.M. **MEN-OF-WAR CUTTERS**.—Service boats: service conditions. 1 mile. \$3.

\* 3.30 P.M. **JUNIOR FOURS A**.—Rowed in heavy clinker-built boats. Open to those not competing for the Challenge Cup or Junior Fours B. 1 mile. \$10.

\* 4.00 P.M. **LADIES' PRIZE**.—For Pair Oars, clinker-built, with coxswain. Open to pairs representative of any Amateur Rowing Club. 1 mile. \$5.

4.30 P.M. **DEACON BAT RACE**.—For Chinese crews. 1 mile.

\* These races are open only to Amateurs, and are to be rowed under the Rules of the Amateur Rowing Association. Entries must be accompanied by Entrance Fees, and close on Friday, November 24th, 1905.

**F. W. WARE**, Hon. Sec. Hongkong Regatta. Hongkong, 17th November, 1905. [2602]

## AUCTIONS

(BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE).

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH** have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

**TO-DAY (FRIDAY)**, the 24th day of November, 1905, at 3 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS, the following

**VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY** situate at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, viz:

All those pieces or parcels of ground situate at Victoria, aforesaid, registered in the Land Office respectively as the REMAINING PORTION OF SECTION A of INLAND LOT No. 505, and the REMAINING PORTION OF INLAND LOT No. 505, together with the messuages thereon known as Nos. 54, 56, 58, 60 and 62 Stone Nullah Lane, and Nos. 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 Wanohai Road. Area 3,720 square feet or thereabouts. Term 999 years.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to

**JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER**, Solicitors for the Mortgagee, or

**Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH**, Government Auctioneers. Hongkong, 30th October, 1905. [2443]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**THE** undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, **TO-MORROW (SATURDAY)**, the 25th November, 1905, at 2.30 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 3, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

**SUNDRY VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE**, comprising:

DOUBLE BRASS BEDSTEAD with WIRE MATTRESS, SILK TAPESTRY SADDLEBACK DRAWING ROOM SUITE, MARBLE-TOP BUREAU with BEVELLED GLASS, MOROCCO COVERED DINING ROOM SUITE, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE, TEAKWOOD WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS, CANTON CARVED BLACKWOOD WARE, TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARDS and OVER-MANTELS with BEVELLED GLASS, AMERICAN ROLL-TOP DESK, GLASS, CROCKERY and E. P. WARE, CARPETS, PICTURES, &c., &c., &c.

Also

One GENT'S BICYCLE in good Order and Condition.

Catalogues will be issued. Terms:—As usual.

**HUGHES & HOUGH**, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 23rd November, 1905. [2643]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH** have received instructions from the CHENG LEE FURNITURE SHOP to offer for sale by Public Auction

**ON WEDNESDAY**, the 29th of November, 1905, at 11 o'clock in the morning on the premises Nos. 29 and 31, DES VEAUX ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria, HONGKONG, the STOCK OF FURNITURE AND EFFECTS more or less damaged by the recent fire on the premises, such furniture and effects consisting of Blackwood Stands, Cabinets, Picture Frames, Overmantels, Bookcases, Writing Desk and other Blackwood Articles, Teakwood Writing Tables, Chairs, Sideboard, Cabinet, Foochow Lacquered Baskets, Trays, Shelves, Litter Stands, Fluted and other Teak Benches, Cruet Stands, Egg Stands, Vases, Vienna, Chairs, Iron Bedsteads, Folding Screens, Hearth Rugs, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS:—As usual.

Catalogues to be obtained from **MR. R. A. HARDING**, Solicitor for the Vendors, or from

**Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH**, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 23rd November, 1905. [2644]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**THE** undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

**ON MONDAY**, the 4th December, 1905, at 12 o'clock (Noon), at **BLAKE PIER**,—

The Steam Launch "DAKIN,"

Length ... .. 50 feet.

Breadth ... .. 10 feet.

Depth ... .. 5 feet 6 inches.

Engines ... .. 5 Compound inverted.

Speed ... .. 9 Miles.

Built ... .. at Kowloon Docks.

For further particulars, apply to **Geo. P. LAMBERT**, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 22nd November, 1905. [2635]

## INSURANCES

**AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LE-CHAPPELLE.**

**THE** undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

**REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.**, Agents. Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [181]

**L'UNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED**

**THE** undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks against Fire at current rates.

**SIEMSEN & CO.**, Agents. Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [13]

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE TIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

**TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1904**, 217,161,299.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£3,000,000

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....2,750,000

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....897,500 0 0

II. FIRE FUNDS.....3,001,295 12 8

**THE** undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

**SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.**, Agents. Hongkong, 30th June, 1905. [1567]

## AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION

**VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY** situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong known as Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 FUK LUK LANE, Nos. 109, 102, 104, 103, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128 and 130, THIRD STREET, Nos. 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125 and 127, THIRD STREET; and

Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 FUK SAU LANE to be sold by

**PUBLIC AUCTION** in 6 lots or otherwise, as the Auctioneer shall declare on

**WEDNESDAY**, the 29th day of November, 1905, at 3 o'clock P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street, by

**MR. GEORGE P. LAMBERT**, Auctioneer.

**THE** following is the description of the property:—

**LOT 1**.—All that piece or parcel of ground situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong intended to be registered in the Land Office as Section B of Inland Lot No. 679 containing a frontage to Pak Luk Lane of 96 feet or thereabouts and an area of 4,520 square feet as the same is held from the Crown for the residue of the term of 999 years from the 25th June, 1861, created by a Crown Lease of Inland Lot No. 679 dated the 30th April, 1888. Appportioned Annual Crown Rent \$23.34.

**LOT 2**.—The wall on the Easternmost side of this Lot is a Party wall.

**LOT 3**.—On this Lot or on some part or parts thereof are erected the substantial houses known as Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Pak Luk Lane.

**LOT 4**.—All that piece or parcel of ground situate at Victoria aforesaid intended to be registered in the Land Office as a Frontage to Pak Luk Lane of 82 feet 4 inches or thereabouts and an area of 3,876 square feet as the same is held from the Crown for the residue of the term of 999 years.

**LOT 5**.—The wall on the Easternmost side of this Lot is a Party wall.

**LOT 6**.—All that piece or parcel of ground situate at Victoria aforesaid intended to be registered in the Land Office as the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 679 containing a frontage to Third Street of 110 feet or thereabouts and an area of 5,380 square feet as the same is held from the Crown for the residue of the term of 999 years. Appportioned Annual Crown Rent \$35.68.

**PARTY WALL**.—The wall on the Easternmost boundary of this Lot is a Party wall.

**HOUSES**.—On this Lot or on some part or parts thereof are erected the substantial houses known as Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Third Street.

**LOT 7**.—All that piece or parcel of ground situate at Victoria aforesaid intended to be registered in the Land Office as Section D of Inland Lot No. 679 containing a frontage to Third Street of 110 feet or thereabouts and an area of 5,380 square feet as the same is held from the Crown for the residue of the term of 999 years. Appportioned Annual Crown Rent \$35.68.

**PARTY WALL**.—The wall on the Westernmost side of this Lot is a Party wall.

**LOT 8**.—The East side of this Lot dividing the same from Section A of Inland Lot No. 679 and which is of a length of 6 feet and 7 inches is a Party wall. The wall on the South side of this Lot dividing the same from Section A of Inland Lot No. 679 and which is of a length of 41 feet 8 inches is a Party wall.

**HOUSES**.—On this Lot or on some part or parts thereof are erected the substantial houses known as Nos. 109, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112 and 114, Third Street.

**LOT 9**.—All that piece or parcel of ground situate at Victoria aforesaid intended to be registered in the Land Office as the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 679 containing a frontage to Third Street of 110 feet or thereabouts and an area of 5,380 square feet as the same is held from the Crown for the residue of the term of 999 years. Appportioned Annual Crown Rent \$35.68.

**PARTY WALL**.—The wall on the Easternmost boundary of this Lot is a Party wall.

**HOUSES**.—On this Lot or on some part or parts thereof are erected the substantial houses known as Nos. 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128 and 130 Third Street.

**LOT 10**.—All that piece or parcel of ground situate at Victoria aforesaid intended to be registered in the Land Office as Section C of Inland Lot No. 679 having a frontage to Third Street of 117 feet 4 inches or thereabouts and an area of 6,104 square feet as the same is held from the Crown for the residue of the term of 999 years from the 25th June, 1861, created by a Crown Lease of Inland Lot No. 679 dated the 30th April, 1888. Appportioned Annual Crown Rent \$49.65.

**PARTY WALL**.—The wall on the Easternmost boundary of this Lot is a Party wall.

**LOT 11**.—All that piece or parcel of ground situate at Victoria aforesaid intended to be registered in the Land Office as the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 679 containing a frontage to Pak Luk Lane of 117 feet and 4 inches or thereabouts and an area of 6,219 square feet as the same is held from the Crown for the residue of the said term of 999 years. Appportioned Annual Crown Rent \$50.62.

**PARTY WALL**.—The wall on the Easternmost boundary of this Lot is a Party wall.

**HOUSES**.—On this Lot or on some part or parts thereof are erected the substantial houses known as Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 FUK SAU LANE.

All the above described Lots are respectively more particularly delineated on a Sale plan thereof which can be inspected at the offices of Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, the Vendors' Solicitors at any time previous to the sale.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to

**Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER**, No. 8, Des Vaux Road Central, Vendors' Solicitors; or to **MR. GEORGE P. LAMBERT**, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 8th November, 1905. [2630]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH** have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

**ON MONDAY**, the 4th December, 1905, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at their SALES ROOMS in Ice House Street,

**IN ONE LOT THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES**, registered in the Land Office as

**INLAND LOT No. 578 and FARM LOT No. 65.**

These properties comprise No. 1, SEYMOUR ROAD and a leasehold in square of erection known as "GREENSKIN." The total area of the above Lots is 103,450 square feet. The total Crown Rent is \$38.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the Vendor's Solicitors, Messrs. DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON, 1, Des Vaux Road, Central; and from the Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1905. [2636]

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG STEAM WATER-BEAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING** of the Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 13, Hotel Mansions 3rd Floor, THIS DAY (FRIDAY), the 24th day of November, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report and Statement of Accounts to 30th September, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 24th November, both days inclusive.

**J. W. KEW**, Manager. Hongkong, 24th November, 1905. [2553]

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**AN INTERIM DIVIDEND** on account of the year 1905, of Fifty Cents per Share, will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong, on and after SATURDAY, 25th November, 1905, on Warrants to be obtained at the Company's Office.

The DIVIDEND will also be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Shanghai, on and after the same date.

The REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 20th instant, until MONDAY, the 27th instant, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares will be effected.

**JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON**, General Managers. Hongkong, 8th November, 1905. [2546]

**THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LD.**

## NEW ISSUE SHARES.

**SHAREHOLDERS** are hereby notified that the FINAL CALL of \$5.00 (five dollars) per Share has been made, and is PAYABLE at the Company's Office, ST. GEORGE'S BUILDINGS, on or before 1st December, 1905.

Shareholders are requested to pay the above-mentioned call to the Company's Agents their Provisional Share Certificates for endorsement.

By Order of the Board of Directors, **GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.**, Agents. Hongkong, 26th October, 1905. [2427]

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.**

## LOST.

**THE SHARE CERTIFICATE** No. 3025 for TEN SHARES numbered 17936 to 17945 and \$271 to \$275 inclusive, standing in the Register in the name of EDWARD SHELLIM, of Hongkong, having been LOST, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless the said CERTIFICATE be produced at the Office of the Company, 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the Seventh day of December, 1905, a new Certificate for the said Shares will be issued and the old Certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

**A. SHELTON HOOPER**, Secretary. Hongkong, 18th November, 1905. [2608]

## NOTICES OF FIRMS

**THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.**

**I HAVE** this day APPOINTED Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. GENERAL MANAGERS for Hongkong for the above Society, in the place of Mr. F. KIENE, whose engagement has been terminated.

**J. T. HAMILTON**, General Manager for the East. Hongkong, 15th November, 1905. [2573]

**OCEAN ACCIDENT AND GUARANTEE CORPORATION, LTD.**

**HEAD OFFICE:** MOORGATE STREET, LONDON.

**I HAVE** this day APPOINTED Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. AGENTS for the above Corporation, in place of Mr. F. KIENE, whose engagement has been terminated.

**J. T. HAMILTON**, Manager for the East. Hongkong, 15th November, 1905. [2574]

## NOTICE.

**THERE** is a vacancy in the Registrar General's Office for the post of REGISTRAR. Applicants should present their applications in person to the REGISTRAR GENERAL on or before NOON on SATURDAY, the 25th instant.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Ability to translate Chinese into English and vice versa.

**SALARY:** For terms of salary see Government Gazette of the 17th instant.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1905. [2609]

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